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substance in either the absence or presence of [human IgE] an
allergen and a sensitizing agent; and

b. then determining the release of mast cell
and/or basophil cell mediators in response to said exposure.--

Please amend the following claims:

✓ Claim 16, line 4 change "human IgE" to --a sensitizing
agent--;

✓ Claim 18, line 3 change "25" to --3--; and

✓ Claim 21, line 2 after "hydroxytryptamine," insert -- β
hexoseaminidase--;

Please add the following new claims:

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--~~25~~. A method employing RT-PCR to monitor induction
of pro-inflammatory cytokines.--

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--~~26~~. A method according to Claim 16 wherein the cell-
line is a secretor variant which may or may not be transfected with
a moiety capable of binding human IgE.--

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--~~27~~. A method according to Claim 17 wherein the cell-
line is exposed in the absence or presence of an allergen.--